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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

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(224)

(a) Unit Reporting VMB 413 (b) Based on or at Emirau, St. Matthias (c) Report No. Two hundred-twenty four
(d) Take off: Date 11 March, 1945 Time (LZT) 0926 L (Zone); Lat. 01°36'S Long. 150°E
(e) Mission Medium level bombing of Kavieng A/A positions New Ireland. (f) Time of Return _____ (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
PRJ-1	VMB413	5	NONE	5	1 x 2000 GP inst.	AN-M-103 nose AN-M-102A2 tail AN-M-223 tail
PBJ-1	VMB413	1	NONE	1	1 x 700 depth charge 1 x 500 GP inst.	AN-M-103 nose AN-M-100A2 nose AN-M-101A2 tail

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
	NONE						

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
	NONE		(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
Did Any Part of _____
(i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
(YES OR NO)
Time of Day and Brilliance _____ (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)
(j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
	NONE					

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) Kavieng, New Ireland (b) Time Over Target(s) 1216 L (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target .10 coverage (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target Low clouds 9 to 10,000 feet (e) Visibility 6 or less
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type Medium Bomb Sight Used Radar
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run 7 Spacing medium Altitude of Bomb Release 10,000
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed NONE Probably Destroyed NONE Damaged NONE

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 <u>A/A positions</u>		<u>6</u> <u>VMB - 413</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>see (o)</u>	<u>see (o)</u>
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

5 x 2000 GP inst. Unobserved
1 x 500 GP inst. Unobserved
1 x 700 depth charge Unobserved

(p) Were Photographs Taken? No Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights
Turrets
Ammunition
Bombs, Torpedoes
Bomb Sights
Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar
Homing Devices
Visual Signals
Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

IFF
Signals
Battle Lights
Procedures

PROTECTION

Armor; Points and Angles
of Fire Needing Further
Protection
Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Parachutes
Life Belts, Life Rafts
Safety Belts
Emergency Kits
Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Compasses
Driftsights
Octants
Automatic Pilots
Charts
Field Lighting

INSTRUMENTS

Flight
Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

**CAMOUFLAGE AND
DECEPTION DEVICES**

STRUCTURE

Airframe
Control Surfaces
Control System
Dive Flaps
Landing Gear
Heating System
Flight Characteristics
At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

Engines
Engine Accessories
Propellers
Lubricating System
Starters
Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant
Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment
Personnel Facilities

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PILOT
BRONLEEWE
MUEHLEISEN
OSLUND
MAC LEAN
INGBERG
HELMKE

Major Thomas G. Bronleewe led this squadron on a medium level bombing attack of the Kavieng A/A positions, New Ireland, the secondary target of the day.

The squadron took off at 0926, but due to bad weather this squadron failed to join on the main flight. However a course of 145 degrees magnetic was followed to Powell Harbor. From this point the squadron leader decided to return to the secondary target, because the primary target was closed in.

From Rabaul, New Britain to north east coast of New Ireland the squadron took a course of 320 degrees magnetic thence along the north east coast of New Ireland to a point opposite Kavieng, New Ireland. Upon reaching the target, the bomb run was made on a heading of 190 degrees magnetic, with bombs away at 1216, at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

Due to cloud cover over the target, the squadron bombed with Radar. After breaking left, the squadron headed directly home hitting the deck at 1327.

Results of bombs were unobserved, no A/A received.

(All times in narrative are local)

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